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Falls Church Man Pleads Guilty to Receipt of Child Pornography

(Alexandria, Virginia) – Louis Lope De Haro, age 58, of Falls Church, Virginia, pled guilty today to one count of receipt of child pornography. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; Joseph Persichini, Jr., Assistant Director in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office; and, Colonel David M. Rohrer, Chief, Fairfax County, Virginia, Police Department, made the announcement after the plea was accepted by United States District Judge Liam O'Grady.

Lope De Haro faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years in prison, and a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison, when he is sentenced on November 14, 2008. Upon his release, Lope De Haro will remain under Court supervision for a term of at least five years to life. Lope De Haro will also be required to register as a sex offender in any U.S. jurisdiction in which he lives, works, or attends school.

According to court documents, on November 27, 2007, a law enforcement officer assigned to the Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force executed a search warrant at the residence of an individual for evidence related to that individual's receipt and distribution of child pornography on the Internet. During the search, the individual told law enforcement officers that he utilized "Google Hello" to communicate with others and trade child pornography. A forensic search of that individual's computer revealed that child pornography had been distributed to a number of different persons, including an individual using the Google Hello screen name "lou2nova" and e-mail address "lulu4300@hotmail.com." The individual using the screen name "lou2nova" was subsequently identified as the defendant, Louis Lope De Haro. On April 15, 2008, a federal search warrant was executed at Lope De Haro's residence in Falls Church, Virginia. Agents recovered thousands of images of child pornography on three compact discs and a hard drive belonging to Lope De Haro during the search.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Fairfax County Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Jay Prabhu and Special Assistant United

States Attorney Andrew McCormack, who is on detail from the Department of Justice's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, are prosecuting the case on behalf of the United States.

A copy of this press release may be found on the website of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia at <http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/vae>. Related court documents and information may be found on the website of the District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia at <http://www.vaed.uscourts.gov> or on <http://pacer.uspci.uscourts.gov>.

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